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In re Applicant:

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For: LOCAL AREA NETWORK OF
SERIAL INTELLIGENT CELLS

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed March 13, 2001, which response is being made on or before September 13, 2001 and for which an extension fee of \$445 is due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 40, 47, 53, 60, 61, 64, 66 and 69 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A local area network for data communication, sensing, and control comprising at least three serial intelligent cells interconnected exclusively by electrically-conducting media into at least two communicating pairs, wherein:

- (a) each of said electrically-conducting media physically interconnects no more than two of said serial intelligent cells;

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